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### **Children's Advocacy Alliance Names Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner Executive Director**

Las Vegas (July 1, 2020) - The Children's Advocacy Alliance (CAA) today announced the appointment of Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner as executive director, after a rigorous national search that included a strong emphasis on the ability to create positive policy changes through advocacy, exceptional organizational development and sound fiscal management.

Dr. Tyler-Garner's unique life experiences as a former high school dropout, a human services professional, educator and nonprofit leader will bring a first-hand perspective on the importance of advocating for families and children's issues.

Dr. Tyler-Garner brings decades of experience and expertise in education reform, human services, nonprofit administration and advocacy that will aid in furthering CAA's mission of ensuring children's health, safety, educational opportunity, and economic well being in Nevada. Dr. Tyler-Garner will officially begin her appointment on July 1, 2020, as she transitions from a recent focus on building the State's workforce system.

"Children and families in Nevada are facing an incredibly tough fight with the economic crisis caused by COVID-19, so it is more imperative than ever that the Children's Advocacy Alliance is led by a strong advocate who can provide them with a voice during the upcoming special session and beyond," said Chair of the Board Lynn Purdue. "Dr. Tyler brings an unmatched passion for this mission, as well as the experience and the courage to ensure the budget shortfall is not shouldered by our most vulnerable citizens. We are thrilled to have her lead our team."

Possessing an expansive research agenda, a breadth of publications in education, health disparities, diversity; and a rich history of advocacy at the federal, state, and local levels, Dr. Tyler-Garner was compelled to join the organization. "I'm ecstatic to join CAA at this unique time in the organization and our country's history," said Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner. "CAA has declared its commitment to ensuring the welfare of children as our nation grapples with the role of education, economic well being, and health in social justice. Building on the organization's long history of advocacy and its incredible team, I am excited to partner with our community to create change as we ensure a recovery for all."

Dr. Tyler-Garner's personal and professional achievements reveal a visionary champion for children and families in the State. Since moving to Las Vegas in 2005, Dr. Tyler-Garner has committed to improving the education system for all children in Nevada. Through the Alliance Program, Dr. Tyler-Garner worked extensively to identify children in jeopardy of dropping out of school and provided support to ensure they graduated. She has served as a [McNair Scholars Program](#) mentor to underrepresented, low-income, and/or first-generation college undergraduates.

During her time as COO of [Nevada Partners](#), The White House recognized it as a model workforce development program, an award given to only thirty distinguished organizations. Tyler-Garner also served as CEO of [Communities in Schools of Nevada](#) where she oversaw the administration of CIS programs and services to 68,000 Nevadan students and more than 63 schools statewide. In 2019, Dr. Tyler-Garner was appointed as director of the [Nevada Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation](#) by Governor Steve Sisolak and was also honored by UNLV's [College of Education](#) as Alumna of the Year that same year.

Dr. Tyler-Garner has a Doctorate in Educational Psychology from The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, a Master of Science in Counseling from California State University, Northridge, and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Sociology from the University of Southern California.

"From the vantage point of one of the co-founders of CAA, we are blessed to have Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner lead our organization," said Founding Board Member and past Chair Gard Jameson. "I know her to be compassionate, wise, and committed to the welfare of our children. It is time for all to fully recognize that the State of Nevada will never be better than the State of our Children."

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### **About the Children's Advocacy Alliance**

The Children's Advocacy Alliance (CAA) is a community-based nonprofit organization that advocates for policy changes that benefit Nevada's children and families by researching and utilizing current data and promoting evidence-based policies to ensure that every child has a chance to thrive. CAA engages the community by bringing people together to address challenges and opportunities around children's issues to leverage collective strength toward improving the systems that support the well-being of Nevada's children. For more information, visit [www.caanv.org](http://www.caanv.org).